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CHAPTER 678

AN ACT TO CREATE A PEACE OFFICERS' RELIEF
FUND FOR THE COUNTY OF BEAUFORT.

The General Assembly of North Carolina do enact:

Beaufort County
Peace Officers'
Relief Act.

SECTION 1. Short Title. That this Act shall be known and may be cited as the Beaufort County Peace Officers' Relief Act.

Definitions.

SEC. 2. Definitions. Peace officers shall be deemed to include all peace officers of the County of Beaufort, North Carolina, or subdivisions thereof including all cities and towns and members of the State Highway Patrol, who are required by the terms of their employment or elections to give their full time to the preservation of public order, the protection of life and property, and the detection of crime; and all special officers or citizens who are injured or killed while aiding or assisting regular peace officers or while acting as such peace officers.

Creation of Peace
Officers' Protec-
tive Association.

SEC. 3. Creation of Association. An association to be known and designated as the Beaufort County Peace Officers' Protective Association shall be formed, the membership of which shall include all peace officers in Beaufort County and the members of the State Highway Patrol as defined above.

Membership.

Registration for
membership in
association.

SEC. 4. Registration. Peace officers who are entitled to membership in the association, in order to share in the benefits provided for in this Act, shall make application for membership in the association on blanks to be furnished for that purpose, giving such information as may be required by said association, and shall pay an initiation fee and annual dues to be fixed by the executive board, hereinafter provided for, *provided, however*, that such initiation fee shall not exceed five dollars (\$5.00). *Provided further* that the provisions of this Section shall not apply to special officers or citizens who have not had a reasonable time from date they were appointed, summoned or deputized, to register with said association. And *further provided*, that said reasonable time shall not exceed thirty days.

Initiation fee and
annual dues.

Application of
provisions of sec-
tion to special
officers.

Creation of
executive board.

SEC. 5. Creation of Executive Board. The executive board shall consist of five (5) members of the association, in good standing, to be elected by majority vote of said association at the last regular meeting in December of each calendar year, such board members to hold office until their successors are elected and qualify. The said board shall elect a chairman and secretary at its first meeting in each year. A majority of members of said executive board shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

Officers of board;
quorum.

Treasurer of
association.

SEC. 6. Treasurer. The County Treasurer of Beaufort County shall be ex-officio treasurer of said association.